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WEDNESDAY, December 27, 2006

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

WHA Information Center

December 15, 2006

The Honorable, The Senate:

Enclosed is a copy of the 2005 Wisconsin Inpatient Hospital Quality Indicators Report produced by WHA Information Center pursuant to s.153.22, Wis. Stats. The report has been available on our Web site since October 2006. Please feel free to download and print additional copies.

If you have any questions regarding the report you may contact me at 608–274–1820, 800–231–8340 or jkachelski@wha.org.

Sincerely,
JOSEPH KACHELSKI
Vice President

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau

December 15, 2006

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed a financial audit of WHA Television, as requested by the University of Wisconsin–Extension to fulfill the audit requirements of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The Corporation requires audited financial statements of public broadcasting entities to determine future funding levels.

WHA Television is licensed to the University of Wisconsin System’s Board of Regents and is operated by the University of Wisconsin–Extension. WHA Television earned \$14.9 million in revenues during fiscal year 2005–06, including state support, member contributions, funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and various other grants.

Our audit report contains the financial statements and related notes for the period July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006. We were able to issue an unqualified independent auditor’s report on these statements.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by University of Wisconsin–Extension staff during the audit.

Sincerely,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau

December 15, 2006

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed a financial audit of WHA Radio, as requested by the University of Wisconsin–Extension to fulfill the audit requirements of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The Corporation requires audited financial statements of public broadcasting entities to determine future funding levels.

WHA Radio is licensed to the University of Wisconsin System’s Board of Regents and is operated by the University of Wisconsin–Extension. WHA Radio earned \$10.0 million in revenues during fiscal year 2005–06, including state support, member contributions, funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and various other grants.

Our audit report contains the financial statements and related notes for the period July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006. We were able to issue an unqualified independent auditor’s report on these statements.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by University of Wisconsin–Extension staff during the audit.

Sincerely,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau

December 15, 2006

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed a financial audit of the State of Wisconsin Educational Communications Board (ECB) Television Network to meet our audit requirements under s. 13.94, Wis. Stats., and as requested by ECB to fulfill the audit requirements of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The Corporation requires audited financial statements of public broadcasting entities to determine future funding levels.

ECB, which is an agency of the State of Wisconsin, operates a television network of 5 digital stations and 5 analog stations, as well as a radio network of 12 FM stations and 1 AM station. The Television Network received \$12.2 million in support and revenue during fiscal year (FY) 2005–06, including state support, member contributions, funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and various other grants.

Our audit report contains ECB Television Network’s financial statements and related notes for the period July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006. We were able to issue an unqualified independent auditor’s report on these statements. However we identified concerns, similar to those identified in FY 2003–04, with ECB’s capital asset inventory system and accounting procedures.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by ECB staff during the audit.

Sincerely,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau**

December 15, 2006

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed a financial audit of the State of Wisconsin Educational Communications Board (ECB) Radio Network to meet our audit requirements under s. 13.94, Wis. Stats., and as requested by ECB to fulfill the audit requirements of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The Corporation requires audited financial statements of public broadcasting entities to determine future funding levels.

ECB, which is an agency of the State of Wisconsin, operates a radio network of 12 FM stations and 1 AM station, as well as a television network of 5 digital stations and 5 analog stations. The Radio Network received \$9.0 million in support and revenue during fiscal year (FY) 2005–06, including state support, member contributions, funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and various other grants.

Our audit report contains the ECB Radio Network's financial statements and related notes for the period July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006. We were able to issue an unqualified independent auditor's report on these statements. However we identified concerns, similar to those identified in FY 2003–04, with ECB's capital asset inventory system and accounting procedures.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by ECB staff during the audit.

Sincerely,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Justice**

December 18, 2006

The Honorable, The Legislature:

Section 165.90 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires the Department of Justice to report on the performance of cooperative county–tribal law enforcement programs receiving aid under this section. This letter constitutes our report.

This marks the nineteenth year that the Department has awarded grants for cooperative county–tribal law enforcement programs. The statutes require counties and tribes to develop joint program plans. The Department requires plans to include resolutions of support for the plan adopted by county boards and tribal governing bodies, to signify cooperation and mutual commitment.

This program pays for a variety of law enforcement services to Native American communities across Wisconsin. Grants have been used for the costs of patrol, investigation, crime prevention, K–9 units, information technology, law

enforcement training, alternatives to drug abuse and gang involvement, diversity training, cultural awareness education, family programs and emergency equipment. An increasing number of grants are awarded to programs that include tribal police departments, while most generally help pay for services provided by county sheriffs to Native American reservations and communities.

The amount appropriated for this program in State Fiscal Year 2007 was \$708,400, an amount that has not been increased since 1995. Grant moneys come from Indian gaming receipts as appropriated in the biennial budget. For calendar year 2007, the Department issued 18 awards totaling \$708,400.

The Department of Justice's County–Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Program continues to help local law enforcement provide needed services in Native American communities. In addition, this program helps build a cooperative atmosphere and positive relationship between law enforcement and tribal governments and communities. I am pleased to share information regarding this important program with you.

Sincerely,
PEGGY A. LAUTENSCHLAGER
Attorney General

**State of Wisconsin
Medical College of Wisconsin**

December 20, 2006

The Honorable, The Legislature:

Enclosed please find the Medical College of Wisconsin's (MCW) annual report for the Breast Cancer Research Program funded through the income tax check-off created by 2003 Wisconsin ACT 176.

This document represents the first annual report highlighting the fiscal reporting period of September 15, 2005 – June 30, 2006. During the first fiscal year, MCW created the new research program and established its administrative structure, solicited breast cancer research proposals, and awarded three annual projects at \$50,000 each.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the report, please contact me at 414–456–8217.

Sincerely,
KATHRYN A. KUHN
Director of Government Affairs

**State of Wisconsin
Groundwater Advisory Committee**

December 21, 2006

The Honorable, The Legislature:

This report from the Groundwater Advisory Committee is in fulfillment of **2003 Wisconsin Act 310, sec. 15(2)(e)**. The Groundwater Advisory Committee will gladly meet with the legislative committees to provide further information about its deliberations and subsequent decisions documented in this report.

Sincerely,
RON KUEHN
Chair